

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Be a part of our STEM Conference for Kids on Monday, April 7! If you are interested in joining us either as a presenter or volunteer, please complete [this form](#). :)

Book Donations Requested

Mrs. Natalie Frierott is coordinating a Buck-A-Book Fundraiser for our families during spring conferences! To kickstart, we are seeking donations of used children's books. All books will be resold for \$1, and the proceeds will support our school library. Start your spring cleaning and give your gently used children's books a loving, new home! Book donation bins are available in the school foyer.

STAR Royals

Respectful, Responsible, Ready Set Safe; We Are The Royals Grounded In Faith!

The following students were recognized as our STAR Royals this week: Maggie R. (PreK), Mary K. (K), James H. (1st), Teddy M. (2nd), Lola B. (3rd), Emma W. (4th), Nora C. (5th), Nate H. (6th), Oliver B. (7th), and Elizabeth S. (8th) this week.

Be sure to check out their photos on our front bulletin board!

Weekly Highlight: Enrichment News

Mrs. Ruan's groups have been working on improving critical thinking skills through logic puzzles and games. It allows students to analyze information, build vocabulary, and make connections. We have also started some reader's theater in the lower grades to improve fluency, comprehension, and confidence.

Mrs. Lynch's groups have been busy working on so many fun things! Kindergarten planted some seeds for the hydroponic planter. Things like cilantro, basil, Borage, parsley, rosemary and colored carrots! Hopefully we will get to see sprouts soon! Thank you to Mrs. Mathiasen for helping us with the hydroponic planter and seeds!

2nd grade has started to print on the 3D printers. We have to take turns, but they are all so excited to see their own creations print!

K-5 has been building with Cubelets. They are a coding system using blocks with sensors. The goal for every class was to make something light up and move. They had so much fun building things from light houses to puppies to trains! Some of the kids discovered how to make sounds and use the bluetooth blocks.

Some of the classes have also been building mazes with legos. The object was to move a marble from one side of the board to the other without the marble falling off.

Wednesday, February 12: Winter Conference Sign Up Deadline

Conference bookings are open now and will close on Wednesday, February 12 at 12pm.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

To schedule, please click [here](#) and use the event code **dpzwb** to schedule your conferences.

St. Augustin sets aside three days twice per year for parent-teacher conferences. There is ample opportunity within that structured time to meet with the teachers. If you choose not to attend conferences on the pre-scheduled dates, the teacher will send home your child's grade and work portfolio. Individual make-up conferences will not be rescheduled.

Thursday, February 13: Mass

Please join us for Mass on Thursday, February 13 at the school at 8:45am. Our sixth grade class will lead this week.

Please click [here](#) for the Mass schedule.

Monday, February 17 - Tuesday, February 18: Buck a Book Sale

If you are interested in volunteering at the Buck a Book Sale, please click [here](#) to sign up.

Monday, February 17 - Thursday, February 20: Conferences

We will be hosting winter conferences on Monday, February 17 from 3pm - 6:30pm, Tuesday, February 18 from 3pm - 6:30pm, and Thursday, February 20 from 9am - 12pm.

School will dismiss at 2:30pm on Monday, February 17 and Tuesday, February 18. Extended care will run normal hours. There is no school on Thursday, February 20, Friday, February 21, and Monday, February 24.

Monday, February 17 - Friday, February 21: Girls on the Run Lottery Registration

Girls on the Run is coming to St. Augustin for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade girls. Practices will be on Mondays and Wednesdays after school from 3:15pm - 4:45pm starting on Monday, March 24. The 5k celebration will be Sunday, May 18.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

Note that the registration process is a lottery - [here](#) is more information (dates are not reflective of the spring session).

The coaches, Jen Mickey, Angie Patti and Sarah Reichardt will share information as it becomes available!

Thursday, March 6: St. Augustin/Bergman Academy Track Sign-Up Deadline

Click [here](#) for more information on the St. Augustin upcoming track season. Please turn your registration form and fee into the school office no later than Thursday, March 6.

Monday, April 7: Yearbook Order Deadline

To purchase a 2024/25 yearbook, please use the link below. Parents will need to login or register for an account to purchase a yearbook. Our school code is 233911M. Please order your yearbook by Monday, April 7th 2025. Please reach out to Mrs. Jensen if you have any questions.

[Yearbook Order Form](#)

Tuesday, April 15: CTO/DTA Application Deadline

Families will be able to apply for tuition assistance from CTO and from the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Fund (DTA) established with the Ignite Capital Campaign on the same application.

Please click [here](#) for the flyer.

Online applications will open at www.fairapp.com beginning on February 1 and the deadline for submissions is April 15. When applying, enter the *school code* 450 and the *password* 450ddm.

There is more than \$2 million to award for the coming school year, yet we highly recommend that you encourage families to apply early and submit all their required documents (federal tax returns and other documents) as soon as possible, but for sure before the April 15 deadline.

Thursday, May 1: Transportation Reimbursement Form Due

Transportation Reimbursement deadline for the second semester is May 1, 2025. Please

click here to go to the “School Forms” page of our website. Then, click “Transportation Reimbursement”.

Families living in the districts listed below will no longer file a paper request for transportation reimbursement. You are now required to submit your reimbursement request online by going to the websites linked below.

Des Moines - [Click Here](#)

West Des Moines - [Click Here](#)

Ankeny - [Click Here](#)

SE Polk - [Click Here](#)

Thursday, March 13: Vacation Bible School Sign up Deadline

☀️ Join Us for Vacation Bible School! ☀️

📅 Dates: June 9th-13th

🕒 Time: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

🏠 Location: St. Augustin School

Give your child a fun, faith-filled week at our Vacation Bible School (VBS)! Kids will enjoy exciting activities, games, music, Bible stories, and so much more.

💰 Registration:

- \$25 for the first child
- \$15 for each additional child

To register, complete the form linked [here](#) and turn it into either the Church or School office by March 13th. Slots are limited and it is first come, first serve. Please contact Mrs. Sgroi (asgroi@staugustinschool.org) with any questions you may have.

Mrs. Sgroi is also looking for a few adults to run stations during VBS. Please contact her if you are interested. Those adults who sign up to help- their children will be admitted into VBS free of charge.

Facility Request Form

Please complete the form linked [here](#) to request our school facility use. This form helps us to determine what paperwork is necessary.

Yearbook Photo Submissions

Submit your photos for the yearbook using this link: <https://photos.iostens.com/Q9EQVG>

DCHS Camp/Club Information

DCHS Winter Weight Training (7th & 8th Grade): [Info Linked Here](#)

DCHS Cheer & Dance: [Flyer Linked Here](#)

DCHS Baseball: [DCHS Spring Baseball Clinic](#)

Thank you!

Mrs. Spike